

## CITY SCHOOLS SUFFERING FROM GRIP EPIDEMIC

EVERY PRECAUTION BEING TAKEN BY CITY TEACHERS TO STOP SPREAD

100 STUDENTS ABSENT; LA GRIP THE CAUSE

MANY STATE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DOCTORS KEPT VERY BUSY

Colds and the grippe have a firm and it might be said a strangle hold on the people of the city, county and state. The epidemic that has been prevalent over the east and north has struck the south now and all Oklahoma is "barking."

"Never before in the history of Guthrie has there been so many children affected with an epidemic," said a local physician today.

"I have instructed all teachers to be watchful and when a pupil shows the slightest symptoms of fever to send the child home," said Superintendent Thos. Scott today.

The grippe epidemic is much in evidence in public schools, where approximately 100 students were out of school Monday, the first day classes were held since the holiday vacation. In nearly every instance the cause of the absence was "a bad cold." In one school alone there were 35 cases of la grippe reported, and the average number of absentees in the other ward schools was 25. In city high school many students were absent and did not report in the junior high school department. Although some absentees in the high school buildings are reported for other reasons than illness, the list is two-thirds larger than the daily average.

One doctor reports that he made a call to attend a patient sick with a cold and that before leaving the house he found that at least six other members of the household were ill at having slight fevers. Few cases, however, have become serious and the death rate from such illness this year is decidedly lower than previous years in comparison to the large amount of illness all over the town.

Miss Margaret Doolittle says school condition in the county, while rather bad from a point of attendance, is very satisfactory. School buildings are being disinfected and every precaution made to stop the spread of the disease.

Many of the schools in the state have been closed down entirely on account of the epidemic. Notably the state school for the blind at Muskogee which has been closed for ten days.

### List of Sufferers.

Several doctors reported all patients much improved and conditions far better than last week. Another says there is more sickness now than at any time in the history of the city. Grippe, pneumonia and complications.

Both Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Barker are improving after a siege with la grippe and Dr. C. F. Cotterell is back in his office today after a ten days illness.

Most of these have la grippe: H. D. Bowden, Mrs. Earl Patterson, Mrs. Mosie Stanley, Mrs. D. B. Lee, Juanita Greenwood, Mrs. Torrance, Delmar Torrance, Mrs. Lloyd McCroskey of Meridian, John Mahoney, Mrs. Al Lee, Mrs. H. W. Dickerson of Navina, Mrs. Chaffer of Navina, Marg-

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## THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

Jan. 8, 1915.

Allies gained north of Soissons, near Reims and in Alsace. Germans attacked Russian lines near Bolimier, their rifleman using steel shields.

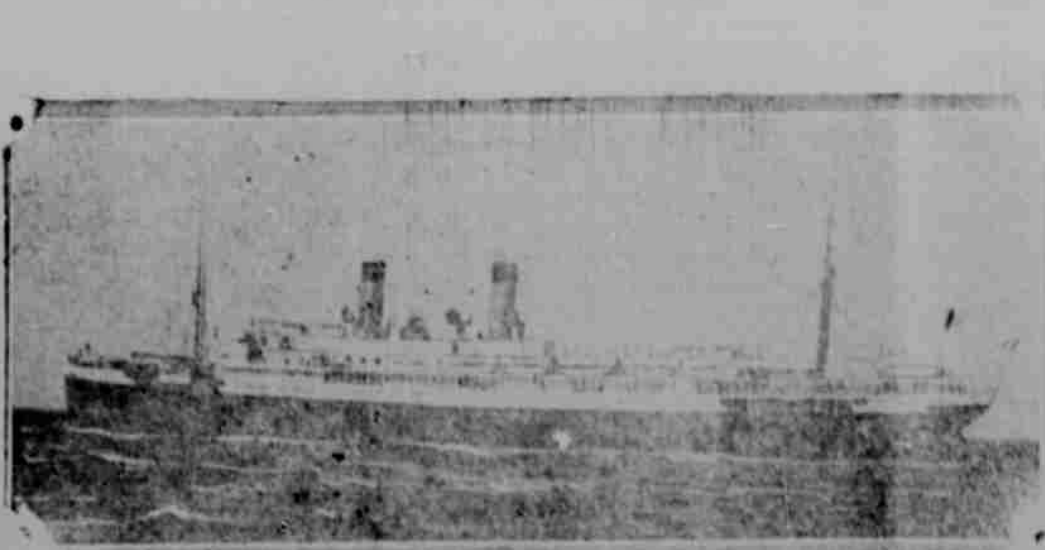
Cardinal Mercier of Belgium placed under restraint by Germans because of pastoral.

Germany accused republic of San Marino of encouraging espionage by its wireless station.

Roumania began mobilizing 750,000 men.

California's Belgian relief ship started.

## German Warning Sent That This Ship is to Be Blown Up



The Lafayette.

Passengers about to sail for New York from Bordeaux on the new French liner Lafayette received warnings in Paris that it would be dangerous to sail on the vessel. The same kind of message was sent to passengers of the Lusitania before she sailed from New York on her last voyage.

The Lafayette is the latest steamer belonging to the French line fleet, and made her maiden voyage from Bordeaux to New York, arriving there on Tuesday, November 9, under the command of Captain A. Bouch.

The new liner arrived in New York on her second voyage westward on Dec. 6 and called again for Bordeaux on Dec. 11.

So far the German submarines have made an attempt to attack any of the French line steamers, but reports reached the French minister of marine at Paris regarding the maiden voyage of the Lafayette and, since then, she has not taken any chances.

The Lafayette is a triple-screw steamer of 12,500 gross tonnage, 610 feet long, and 64 feet beam, built at

St. Nazaire in 1913 for the Central American trade. She was put on the Atlantic service with the Espagne because the liners regularly in the service had been taken by the government. She has engines of 14,000 horse power and a speed of 19 knots.

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## AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT IS HIGHLY HONORED

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, American Minister to China, was elected first vice-president of the Chinese Social and Political Science Association which was formally organized yesterday at a meeting held in the foreign office and attended chiefly by Chinese and American officials and scholars.

The president of the new association is La Chen-chiang, the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs. Tiao Tzu-ling, vice-minister of Foreign Affairs, is the secretary to the new organization, and Wu Chao-chu, Consul for the Foreign Office and the son of Dr. Wu, the former Minister for China to the United States, was made treasurer.

Among the members of the executive council are Dr. W. P. Willoughby.

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## G. A. R. HEADS OF STATE INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Col. A. A. Beasler, of Chandler, department commander of the G. A. R., assisted by Past National Post Gen. W. H. Hornaday, installed the new officers of Hartman Post, No. 2.

Thursday afternoon, as follows: J. M. Lelock, commander; Isaac Clark, senior vice; Rev. A. B. Nicholas, Chaplain; W. B. Herod, patriotic instructor; T. H. Soward, adjutant and quartermaster; Welborn Stafford, of Beer of the day; George Latta, officer of the guard; Jacob Ambrey, sergeant major; E. G. Platts, quartermaster sergeant.

Mrs. Mae Vampner, past department post of the Women's Relief Corps No. 23, installed the officers for that organization, as follows:

Florence Partschneider, president; Stella Hamilton, senior vice; Stella Ford, junior vice; Tilly Province, Chaplain; Ruth Eberman, secretary; Pearl Chandler, treasurer; Emma Burns, conductor; Nettie Sutton, assistant conductor; Isabel Moore, guard; Gerlie Harshman, assistant instructor; Sadie Mathis, musician; Clara Ready, press correspondent; Ida Smith, Phoebe Stice, Anna Alling and Cora Walker, color bearers.

The exercises closed with a number of patriotic talks and an elegant luncheon served by the ladies.

## CARRIERS TAKE CENSUS OF "EMPTIES"

Uncle Sam's letter carriers have finished a complete check-up of the empty houses in Guthrie. Later an announcement on the result will be made, which can now be said will be exceedingly flattering. "The job of checking up the 'empties' was comparatively easy this year for the very good reason that there were not many," said a carrier today. Each carrier notes the "empties" on his route in a book carried for that purpose.

This vacancy census is an annual institution, but on account of the rush of business at the postoffice early in December, when it is usually made, it was deferred until after the first of the new year.

Since Monday the letter carriers have been using the vacant dwellings, while making their usual deliveries.

The final chapter promises to be very cheering when the result is announced.

## BANKER FALLS FOR FAIRO "BAIT" DROPS \$200,000

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## POOL HALL CASE IS FINALLY SETTLED

The pool hall case from Crescent City was settled in district court today late yesterday by Judge Huston denying the injunction sought. The court held that the special election held for the purpose of eliminating pool halls from Crescent was not legal. This decision upholds the ruling by Judge Chappelle in county court made some time ago. After the decision by Chappelle the case was appealed to Judge Huston's court.

## DR. ILIFF WILL COME

Thomas Garwin Iliff, who dedicated the First M. E. Church here several years ago will make a return date, he will fill an engagement soon. The membership of the first church is planning a big time when Dr. Iliff arrives. His arrival is looked forward to with much pleasure.

## PEACH TROUBLE

Charging negligence in handling fruit shipments as agent W. H. Coyle today filed suit against J. W. and M. B. Purrow, seeking to collect \$2,152.52, which he says is due him from the Purrows. The peach shipments in controversy were made during the 1915 season and went to Chicago and Omaha.

## FRENZIED MOB DRUNKEN MEN BURN AND KILL

ORIO MILITIA CALLED OUT TO DISPERSE MADDENED STRIKERS

BURN TOWN THEN LOOT THE STORES

NINETEEN SHOT, FOUR MAY DIE IN YOUNGSTOWN BATTLE SOLDIERS GUARD

## BULLETIN

Youngstown, O., Jan. 8.—General Speaks received an appeal this afternoon from citizens of Struthers, to send help at once to that village for protection from rioting there. The message stated that a mob had formed and is engaged in a general fight in the streets, and that men were shooting and beating each other. Two companies of militia will be sent.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 8.—Feeling a few antihook in rioting when a crowd of strike sympathizers gathered on a hill opposite the Youngstown Shoe and Tube company's plant, Brigadier General Speaks ordered four Cleveland militia companies of the fifth regiment to the strike scene. Two of the companies marched into the plant to reinforce the hundred strike troops, and the other two companies guarded the opposite hill to prevent the mobs from organizing.

Nineteen persons were shot, four probably fatally, several buildings

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## SLAVS BATTER DOWN GREAT TEUTON FORT

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## TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CASES BEGINS JAN. 17

Jury for the district court term has been drawn. Court clerk Walter Humphrey was busy today getting out registered notices. All jurors are now summoned by mail, which gives the county much money during the year.

## PEACE PARTY ON WAY

Oldenraal Holland can. 8.—The Ford peace party has arrived. The party passed partly through Germany without incident. Expect to reach the Hague by noon.

## MARY NAN McLEAN SHOOT HERSELF

Oklahoma City, Jan. 8.—Mary Van McLean, postmistress in the first legislature, committed suicide at noon today at the Lee Jenkins by shooting. Unrequited love.

## THE WEATHER

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB  
I felt such a shivery feeling just now, I think that I'm falling in love. I know it won't last but it's nice for a while. Oh, Cupid, please give me a shove!

(By Associated Press.)  
New Orleans, La., Jan. 8.—Tonight unsettled, warmer, Sunday unsettled.

## BASKET BALL SEASON OPENS IN GUTHRIE

O. M. U. AND EDMOND TEAMS CONTEST FOR HONORS; EDMOND VICTORS.

One of the hardest fought basket ball games that Guthrie ever saw, was staged last night at the O. M. U. gymnasium between Central State Normal and O. M. U.

This game opens the season at Guthrie and under the showing made by some team last night, great hopes are placed in the future games. Coach Pritchard was well pleased with the work of the team, but also promises the team a much harder grilling than they have known heretofore.

Edmond's team had great difficulty in keeping the ball in their territory, because of the great guarding done by "Little Mac" and Miles. McBride, the Methodist's big center, didn't show up to his usual form, and "Big" Taggart played a stellar game as for yards in the first half. In the last half of the game "Doc" Taggart was substituted for story and held his own with great ease. The star work for Edmond was all done by Brooks, and he was really the cause of O. M. U.'s defeat, for in the last five minutes of the game, Brooks threw three goals, making the score 24 to 31 in Edmond's favor.

St. Ashworth, the O. M. U. coach was referee and gave the best athletic action ever given on M. U.'s basket ball court. He called many fouls on both sides and showed both teams that no "roughneck" work was to be tolerated. The lineup was as follows:

O. M. U. Center—McBride Mitchell Guard—McKenzie Myers Guard—Miles Whitaker Forward—E. Taggart Hamilton Forward—Story Substituted: Brooks for Hamilton and T. Taggart for story in last half.

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## NEW NO MAN'S LAND IS DUG UP IN BELGIUM

MONSIEUR NEUTRE HAS BEEN AN INDEPENDENCY SINCE 1815

IS GOVERNED BY TWO BURGOMASTERS

AMERICAN RELIEF COMMISSION MAKES AN AMAZING DISCOVERY IN EUROPE

By Associated Press  
London, Jan. 8.—In an effort to restrain to every portion of Belgium in their relief work the delegates of the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium have discovered in the remotest corner of that country a no man's land which since 1815 has enjoyed absolute independence under a guarantee of perpetual neutrality, which even in the present struggle has never been violated. This little country of one square mile in size is called Moresnet Neutro and has Holland to the north, Belgium to the west and Germany everywhere else. But Moresnet Neutro is neither Belgian, German nor Dutch. It used to be a part of Belgium and was until 1815 like the rest of that country a province of France. By the treaty of Vienna, Belgium and Holland became independent countries, but Moresnet, which at that time held the greatest mine of Europe became a bone of contention between Prussia and the Netherlands. Finally neither got it and the difficulty was solved by making it neutral territory.

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